

1.- 36. (Canceled)

37. (Currently amended) A method of forming a coating for an implantable medical device comprising:

- a) applying a composition including solvent and a polymer to the device;  
and
- b) heating the polymer and the solvent to a temperature greater than ~~about~~ the glass transition temperature of the polymer,

wherein the temperature is below the melting temperature of the polymer.

38. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 37, wherein the polymer and the solvent are applied to a surface of the device.

39. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 37, wherein the polymer and the solvent are applied to a metallic surface of the device.

40. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 37, wherein the composition is free from any drugs.

41. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 37, wherein the device is a stent.

42. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 37, wherein the polymer is thermoplastic.

43. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 37, wherein the duration of time of heating is until the solvent evaporates from the composition.

44. (Canceled)

45. (Canceled)

46. (Currently amended) A method of forming a coating on an expandable stent:

- a) depositing a substance including a polymer on an expandable stent;  
and
- b) exposing the polymer to a temperature above ~~about~~ the glass transition temperature of the polymer for a duration of time,

wherein the temperature is below the melting temperature of the polymer.

47. (Canceled)

48. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 46, wherein the stent has a body made from a material including a metallic material.

49. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 46, wherein the substance additionally includes a solvent.

50. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 46, wherein the substance additionally includes a drug.

51. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 46, wherein the polymer is thermoplastic.

52. (Previously presented) The method of claim 46, wherein the substance is deposited on a surface of the stent.